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Subject: Short Notice Request

Cathy,

Attached is the opening EC and info from Legat Paris on a case that's about a week old here in Minneapolis. It's a pretty high priority for us and ███████████ You've saved us a couple of times before, so I hold I out hope again. Here's what we have:

We received info that the captioned subject, Zacarias Moussaoui, DPOB 05/30/1968 in France, was in the process of getting simulator training at Minneapolis in order to learn to fly the Boeing 747-400. We subsequently learned that he was in the U.S. illegally, having overstayed his visa waiver, so INS arrested him.

In his possession was a laptop, several 747 pilot's manuals and numerous spiral bound notebooks. As investigation to date has shown him to be an Islamic Fundementalist connected to Ibn Khattab, the leader of the Chehnyan Mujihadeen, we need to get into his computer and books! To do so we need a criminal or FISC-authorized search warrant. We only have one week to make progress on this investigation, or Moussaoui could be deported to the UK with his property.

FBIHQ/CTD/ITOS/RFU has determined that we do not have sufficient evidence of a criminal violation (for the criminal search warrant) and, because Ibn Khatab has not yet been established to be a member of a named group, that Moussaoui is not acting at the direction of a foreign power. We therefore do not, in their opinion, have sufficient intel for a FISA search either! I disagree, but that doesn't matter.

CIA/CTC has helped by indicating that not only is Ibn Khatab well known as a Muj commander, but that he is an associate of UBL. If we can clearly establish a UBL/Al-Qaeda connection, we've got our named group. ██ Moussaoui's identifying data is included in the attached EC.

For admin purposes, Moussaoui is a NONUSPER.

Thanks,
Harry

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